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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests - S. Kanara - Recommendations of the Forest Grievances Committee

Recommendation 7 - Liberalization of Rules regarding supply of timber & fuel to rights - adversely

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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Memo No 25405 CII/82-1 dt 8-3-82

Subj:- Forests - S. Kanara - Recommendations of the Forests Grievances committee - Recommendation No 17 - Further Report called for.

Ref:- G.O. Ms 159 Dem dt 18-1-82.

The attention of the C.C.F is invited to the orders passed in the G.O. cited on the recommendations No 17 of the committee, regarding the liberal grant of fuel and timber required for domestic and agricultural purposes, and he is requested to submit the detailed proposals called for at an early date.

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Forest Department — Received — Registered

From (Name)
Sri M.Kesavan Unni Nayar, I.F.S.,
Designation
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Station
Madras.2.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Enclosures:
Reference No.4933/52-D1 dated 10th October 1952.

Sir,

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Subject: FOREST - South Kanara - Recommendations of the Forest Grievances Committee- Recommendation No.17- further report- Submitted.

Reference: Government Memo No.25405 CII/52-1, Development, dated 8-3-1952.

I submit herewith a copy of the report No.970/52-A1 dated 10th July 1952 from the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle. I agree with the Conservator that there is no need to grant any further concessions except in regard to sale of softwood for making boats. The poor ryots may be granted softwoods at a concession rate of annas twelve per c.ft. provided the

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applicant's eligibility is certified by an officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of a Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar and likewise the fishermen may also be granted on a certificate from the Assistant Director of Fisheries.

for CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

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Enclosure: Copy of report from the Conservator, Ootacamund Circle.

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Copy of letter Ref.No.970/52-A1, dated 10.7.1952, from the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, Ootacamund, to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras-2.

Sub: Committees - Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee - South Kanara - Recommendation regarding Forests - Item No.17 - Relaxation of existing rules regarding timber and fuel - Proposals.

Ref: Chief Conservator's Ref.No.4933/52-D1, dated 23.5.52.

I enclose a copy of report in No.2225/52-C5, dated 3.7.1952 from the Dt.Forest Officer, S.Kanara.

2. The Dt.Forest Officer suggests that there is no need to relax the existing rules so as to liberalise the grant of timber and fuel to villagers as they can enjoy the privileges from Unreserves and Kumki lands allowed in the Madras Forest Manual.

3. There is already a condition in the Sale Notice for sale of coupes in South Kanara Division for selling of timber and fuel etc., at concessional rates to ryots for agricultural and domestic needs. A copy of the condition is reproduced below:-

"34. In order to enable ryots in getting their agricultural and domestic needs for their day-to-day life contractors should sell in the coupe to the ryots of the adjoining villages the following at the rates noted against each

		Rs.	as.	ps.	
1)	Timber (in bark) for housing, etc.,(excluding rosewood and teak:- ..	1	8	0	C.
	(a) Hopea	1	4	0	,,
	(b) Irul, banapu, Kindal and benteak ..	1	0	0	,,
	(c) Other Species				
2)	Timber for ploughs (all species except teak and rosewood).	1	0	0	ea.
3)	Shares, big (all species except teak and rosewood)	0	12	0	
4)	Shares, small (all species except teak and rosewood)	0	8	0	,,
6)	Yoke (all species except teak and Rosewood) ..	2	0	0	,,
6)	Shafts ,, ...	0	12	0	,,
7)	Handles	0	4	0	,,
8)	Firewood, above 6" in girth	0	4	0	per cartload.
9)	Thorns, all species from fuel coupes only. ..	1	4	0	-do-
10)	Manure leaves from fuel coupes only.	1	4	0	-do-

N.B. - One cart-load = 30 head loads.

4. For fuel needs also, the ryots can avail of the concessions as allowed in the case of timber.

5. In view of the above concessions already allowed, I agree with the suggestion of the Dt.Forest Officer.

6. Regarding the recommendation made by the Dt.Forest Officer for sale of softwood timber to poor ryots and fisherman for making boats at concessional rate, it may be considered

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considered favourably. Anyhow we shall have to guard against the abuse of the concession which is not very uncommon in South Kanara. To do so it is suggested that each ryot applying for the concession must be certified by the Revenue authorities as a bona fide and poor ryots eligible for the concession and similarly each fisherman must be certified as such by the Fisheries Department authorities.

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Copy of letter Ref.C.2225/52-C5 dated 3-7-1952 from the District Forest Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, Ootacamund.

Sub: Committees - Forest Grievances Enquiry Committee - South Kanara - Recommendation regarding Forests - Item No.17 - Relaxation of existing rules - regarding timber and fuel - Proposals submitted.

1. Timber.

Timber is not supplied to villagers from Reserved Forests on seigniorage rates but dead and wind fallen trees are auctioned at site to serve their needs. Free grants of timber are made by the Revenue Authorities from unreserves generally and from Reserved Forests under exceptional circumstances. As the District has plenty of unreserves and kumki lands I am of opinion that the extension of this privilege to the Reserved Forests as well is not at all required. Privileges allowed to ryots from unreserves and kumakies are found on pages 108 to 115 of Forest Manual. M

2. At present softwood trees are sold in auction to villagers for making boats whenever petitions are received from them. Conservator has ordered in his No.1055/48, A1 dated 6-7-1948, that such sales should not be confirmed if the price fetched is less than Re.1/- per C.Ft. The sale of these trees cannot be considered as a concession given to the poor villagers as they will not be able to compete with other merchants and well-to-do people in a public auction. If they were ready to face an auction sale to get their requirements of timber for the purposes of making boats they would have better had the necessary timber from the open market. N.C. K

3. There are innumerable unbridged rivers in this District. The agriculturists will have to cross them very often for carrying out their work in the fields etc. So also poor fishermen folk who earn their living by catching fish. All these people cannot compete for softwood for boat making, in auction sales. This has to be relaxed. Previously it was sold to deserving persons by private treaty by the District Forest Officer. In view of the present conditions I recommend that a seigniorage fee of Re:0-12-0 may be fixed to sell softwood for making boats to deserving ryots and fishermen and the sales may be effected by private treaty. This concession will be granted only in cases where no suitable trees are available in the

the adjoining unreserves.

4. Fuel:- Fuel is available to villagers at a concession rate from the Departmental fuel coupe contractors who have to supply them firewood at the rate of Rs.4/- per cartload (or 0.2.2 per headload) according to the terms of the agreement entered into with the District Forest Officer. Eventhis concession is not availed of by many of the villagers as there is plenty of fuel available in their own Kumki and patta lands.

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5. In addition to the above they are allowed to remove dry firewood up to 3" diameter from the Reserved Forests.

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6. The villagers are misusing some of the concessions by cutting off the branches of trees under the pretext of cutting green leaves for manure and the Department has to be on the alert to prevent all such illicit removals.

7. In view of the above facts I think that there is no need to relax the existing rules at present so as to liberalise the grant of timber (except for boat making) or fuel for domestic purposes.

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for CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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Dev (CII)Dept.

Sub: Forests-South Kanara-Recommendations of the Forest grievances Committee-Recommendation 17-Liberalization of rules relating to supply of fuel and timber to ryots Orders-Passed.

Read again: G.O.Ms. 159 Devt d 18-1-52.

Read also : From the C.C.F. No 4933/52 -D1 d 10-10-52.

G.O. Ms. No. 4816 d 11 - 11-1952.

In the circumstances reported, the Govt agree with the C.C.F. that there is no need to liberalize the existing rules in regard to the supply of fuel and timber to the villagers in S.Kanara Dist for their bonafide and domestic and agricultural requirements. As regards the sale of soft wood for boat making the Govt accept the C.C's recommendation and direct that soft wood suitable for boat making be supplied to poor ryots and fishermen at a concessional rate of ~~0-12-0 As~~ 12 annas per c.ft. on production of a certificate from an Officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of a Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar or from the Assistant Director of Fisheries, as the case may be .

To the C C.F.
" Bd of Rev (L.R)
" Collector of S.Kanara
" ~~Revenue~~ & Fin Dept.
" P & D I., S.F.

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Dev. Department (CII)

Sub:- Forest- South Kanara- Recommendations of the Forest grievances Committee- Liberation of the timber and fuel.

Ref:- Govt. Memo. No. 25405 CII/52-1, dated 8.3.52. From the C.C.F. No. 4933/52-D1, D/10.10.52.

To S.S.

The Forest grievances enquiry Committee, South Kanara, constituted in 1950 has made several recommendations as on pp 1-2- of (D). Orders were passed in G.O. Ms. No. 159, Dev. D/ 18.1.52 on the above recommendations.

2. In respect of recommendation No.(17), namely, that the existing rules might be relaxed so as to liberalise the grant of timber and fuel required for bona fide domestic and agricultural purposes in the villages, the C.C.F. was asked to examine the suggestion of the Committee further and submit detailed proposals for consideration of the Govt.

3. The C.C.F. has now submitted his report with copies of the reports from the D.F.O., S. Kanara and the Conservator, Ootacamund. It is at pp 5-9 c.f. It is reported that there is no need to relax the existing rules, as timber and fuel are even now available at concessional rates to ryots for agricultural and domestic needs. Further the villagers can enjoy the privileges from unreserves and Kumki lands allowed under the existing rules. It is also reported that even the existing concessions are not availed of by many as there was plenty of fuel available in their own Kumki and patta lands, and that the villagers are misusing some of the concessions.

As regards the recommendation for sale of soft wood timber at concessional rates to poor ryots and fishermen for making boats, the D.F.O. and the Conservator have suggested that it may be considered favourably, as they could not obtain the wood at cheap rates due to competition in public auction. The C.C.F. agrees with the Conservator and recommends that the poor ryots and fishermen may be granted soft wood

at a concessional rate of 12 annas per c.ft. on production of certificates from an officer of the Rev. Dept. not below the rank of Tahsildar or Dy. Tahsildar or from the Asst. Director of Fisheries, as the case may be.

For orders whether the C.C.F.'s recommendation that there is no need to liberalize the existing concessions, except the supply of timber for making boats as suggested above will be accepted.

Finance may see before circulation.

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Fin (Accts)

Notes of Dev on Pt 1-2 above may be perused. Fin may agree to the suggestions at A and B above

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVT. 77924 24 OCT 1952 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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THIRD ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 1 NOV 1952 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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TO A.S.

Notes from P1 above may be perused. Finance have accepted this Dept's suggestions at A & B above. The case may now be circulated for orders.

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 7-NOV 1952 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notes from P1 above may be perused. 'A' & 'B' above may be approved.

TO A.S

Orders in circulation on PM Page.

A draft order is submitted for approval

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